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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
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PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: 26869T-001000US

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Naoto Matsunami et al.

Application No.: 10/004,131

Filed: October 30, 2001

For: STORAGE SYSTEM HAVING A  
PLURALITY OF CONTROLLERS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 8042

Examiner: Eron J. Sorrell

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AMENDMENT WITH SUBMISSION  
OF REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION [RCE] Under  
37 CFR 1.114

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Sir:

This Amendment is with submission of a Request for Continued Examination [RCE] under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 for the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.